

screen press. This new process will eliminate photo substitution and fraud. Employing the silk screen press adds one task to press operations and eliminates a task in binding operations. The new passport book is being produced in English, French, and Spanish.

NEW CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY PRODUCED

GPO produced a new *Congressional Directory 1999-2000* during 1999.

The *Congressional Directory* is one of the oldest working handbooks in the U.S. Government. While there have been directories of one form or another since the first Congress in 1789, the *Congressional Directory* for the first session of the 30th Congress (1847) is considered by scholars and historians to be the first official edition. With the addition of biographical sketches of legislators in 1867, it attained its modern format.

The *Directory* is published by the Senate in partnership with GPO and at the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, under the authority of section 721 of Title 44, United States Code. Starting with the 105th Congress, GPO has played a significantly greater role in the publication of the *Directory* by providing project management, editing, and other publishing services. For the new edition, a team of employees from GPO's

Production Department, the Office of Planning, the staff of the Superintendent of Documents, and the Congressional Record Index Office provided professional services to complete publication of the *Directory*.

APPROPRIATIONS ACTION FOR GPO IN FY 1999

The House Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations and the Senate Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations held their annual hearings on GPO's funding request for FY 2000 in February and March 1999, respectively. GPO requested \$113 million for its two appropriation accounts and an additional \$15 million for a new air conditioning system, elevator renovations and Year 2000 compliance expenses. Congress approved \$73,297,000 for GPO's Congressional Printing and Binding Appropriation, \$29,872,000 for the Salaries and Expenses Appropriation of the Superintendent of Documents, and transferred \$2,500,000 of the General Accounting Office's FY 1999 appropriation to GPO for Year 2000 compliance.

The two appropriations total \$103,169,000, and represent a slight decrease from the level of \$103,729,000 that was approved for GPO for FY 1999. While the Congressional Printing and



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